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#### Department of Gaming releases quarterly contributions

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Gaming announced today that tribal contributions to the state from gaming revenue will be approximately \$11.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. This is a 12.9% decrease from the same quarter of last year.

“Arizona’s numbers appear to be consistent with what is being reported in other jurisdictions across the country,” said Mark Brnovich, Director of Arizona Department of Gaming. “Nevertheless, these contributions continue to provide significant funding for an array of public programs.”

The quarterly tribal contributions in the state Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

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| Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:                                  | \$ 5,020,159        |
| Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:  | \$ 2,510,080        |
| Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:                              | \$ 1,934,852        |
| Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:  | \$ 717,166          |
| State Tourism Fund:  | \$ 717,166          |
| Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:                      | \$ 222,437          |
| <b>TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended December 31, 2009:</b> | <b>\$11,121,860</b> |

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona’s tribes, regulates Indian gaming. Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes with casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns and counties. In Arizona, Class III gaming includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting. There are currently 23 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the state Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, please contact Rick Medina at (602) 604-1801, ext 206.

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